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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (UNDERSEC SISCO AND CNO ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY)

SUBJECT: UNDERSEC SISCO - ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY VISIT

REF: IRVING - DJEREJIAN TELECON

1. TODAY'S INDEPENDENCE PARTY NEWSPAPER MORGUNBLADID PAGE 2 SHOWS PICTURE OF UNDERSEC SISCO AND BRIEF STORY. QUOTE: JOSEPH J. SISCO, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, WILL VISIT ICELAND IN DECEMBER. SISCO IS SECOND MAN UNDER KISSINGER AND IS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MEN IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE WORKED WITH KISSINGER AT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND BECAUSE OF THE CYPRUS CONFLICT, HE WENT FOR TALKS BOTH TO GREECE AND TURKEY. END QUOTE.

2. STORY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY LEAKED BY A MEMBER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHICH WAS ADVISED OF VISIT YESTERDAY BY MFA. THE FONMIN WOULD HAVE PREFERRED STORY BE HELD UNTIL AFTER THE PEOPLES ALLIANCE CONVENTION CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE HAD ENDED AND AFTER FONMIN HAD PRESENTED HIS FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT AND IDF RETENTION AGREEMENT TO PARLIAMENT WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN YESTERDAY BUT DID NOT.

3. SINCE OUR TELECON 4:50 P.M. LOCAL TIME I HAVE BEEN UNABLE REACH FONMIN BUT MFA SECGEN PETUR THORSTEINSSON SAW NO OBJECTION TO FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON AN "IF ASKED BASIS" ONLY

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AS TO WHETHER UNDERSEC PLANNING TO VISIT ICELAND NEXT MONTH.

QUOTE: PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR SUCH A VISIT AND THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. END QUOTE.

4. I SHALL TRY TO REACH FONMIN LATE TONIGHT OR TOMORROW REGARDING A JOINT PRESS STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. I SHALL SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:
QUOTE: THE U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH J. SISCO AND THE U.S. CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS ADMIRAL JAMES L. HOLLOWAY III WILL BE VISITING ICELAND DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 9-11, 1974 AT THE INVITATION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER. UNDER SECRETARY SISCO WILL MEET WITH ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS. ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE UNDER SECRETARY IN HIS NEW CAPACITY AS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. END QUOTE. I WOULD WELCOME ANY COUNTERSUGGESTIONS, MODIFICATIONS, ETC., YOU CARE TO TRANSMIT, KEEPING IN MIND OUR LOCAL SITUATION.

5. NEW SUBJECT: BOTH UNDERSEC AND CNO MAY BE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT USG OBJECTIONS TO LOS 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. CNO PARTICULARLY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO USG MILITARY OBJECTIONS.

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